Mother Not Allowed to See 11-Year-Old Girl, or Even Send Her Word of Cheer -Mme. St. Mart Paints Miniatures Baron. Who Lectures, Is Indignant.

Baron G. de St. Mart of 233 East Thirteenth street, who fought the Germans all through the Franco-Prussian War, has come diet with the Gerry society legions. through the arrest of his eleven-year-old chila Georgette. Baron St. Mart marched into Jefferson Market police court yesterday afternoon and asked to see the Magistrate. He was told that his case would come up in Yorkville court, but before he left he told

some of his troubles. The Baron likes a glass of wine with his dinner. He does not buy it in a saloon, but n packages at a grocery store. Mme. St. Mart had ordered a small case and when the wrong brand was sent, Georgette was sent around to see about changing it. The child. did not return and soon a Gerry agent | my bringing up and my spanking."

called on the parents. *You cannot see your child, for we have got her." he told the St. Marts. The mother hurried at once to Twenty-

third street and Fourth avenue. She asked them only to let her say good night," said St. Mart, "or to write a little word of love on a card like, 'All will be well, my child; do not be frightened.' But no! Not a word; not a line! I do not know what the crime is, but I find no fault with the arrest if that is your law. Still, if they wish to arrest somebody, why not arrest me?" And the former soldier drew himself up very straight and tall. Then he went up to Yorkville court, but it was too late to find out anything yesterday.

Baron St. Mart says that he has lectured in French at Columbia concerning his experiences in the Franco-Prussian War. He was formerly an instructor at St. Cyr. He al o says he has been in Africa with John Armstrong Chanler, former husband of

HUSBAND CALLED A LIAR.

Severe Comments by the Referee on Louis Sternberger, Whose Wife Is Suing Him.

Referee Algernon S. Norton's report in the contest between Mr. and Mrs Louis Sternberger over the custody of the children. Robert and Marion, was filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday after-noon by De Lancey Nicoll, Mrs. Sternberger's

Mr. Sternberger is manager of the Houston street brokerage office of James M. Leopold & Co. Mrs. Sternberger is the daughter of Solomon Stein, woollen merchant. Although the couple have lived apart for years they have not been legally separated. Mrs. Sternberger, through Howe & Hummel, has begun an action for an absolute divorce.

Since the Sternbergers separated, nearly ten years ago, they have been at law over the boy and girl most of the time. Joseph H. Choate first represented Mrs. Sternberger. When he was made Ambassador to England the case was put in the hands of Elihu Root. When Mr. Root became Secretary of War, Mr. Nicoll took the case. In 1896 the courts gave the father the right to visit the children at his wife's home from 5 to 6 P. M. on Wednesdays and Fridays and to have them at his home on Sundays.

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The present action is the second Airs. temberger has brought to restrict the hildren's meetings with their father. The rest failed. Mr. Norton took 2,500 pages of testimony. He reports:

"As to the character of the father. I am compelled to recognize that he is untruthful. Some of his miss attements in testi-

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memory, but only on the ground of intentional and persistent falsehood."

The referee says that the children have lost their affection for their father. He finds that the mother did not alienate their children's affection; that their father lost they his own acts. He recommends that the children shall not be compelled to visit their father excent on alternate Sundays and the father's birthday, with the exception of one week each year, when he shall have full custody of them.

have full custody of them.

"Concerning the respondent's suspicions and charges against the relator in the matter of her relations to Mr. Gans [Howard S. Gans, Assistant District Attorney]," said the report, "I find that such suspicions and charges are wholly unwarranted by the evidence. Mr. Gans is her relative by marriage."

A copy of the testimony regarding Sternberger's alleged perjury may be sent to the District Attorney.

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HAD DETECTIVE ARRESTED.

Mrs. Persch Says He Followed Her, Jostled Her and Glared at Her.

Gretchen Persch, wife of John Peter Persch, organizer of the Consumers' Brewing Company, who lives at 2 West Ninetyeighth street, caused the arrest vesterday of Robert C. Shepard, a private detective of 891 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs.
Persch hunted up Policeman Waish of the
Broadway squad, who took Shepard to
Jefferson Market police court. He was paroled for examination to-day in custody of
his counsel, David Welch.

The complaint charges Shepard with following Mrs. Persch from her home to her dressmaker's, down Fifth avenue, through the Waldorf-Astoria.

"He jostled me," said Mrs. Persch, "he glared at me, and he stood in front of me."

Mrs. Persch married Mr. Persch after his first wife had secured a divorce.

JOHN W. FERGUSON MISSING.

Was Head of Pelham Ice Company and

Was Depressed by Business Troubles. NEW I CC IELLE, Jan. 17 .- A general alarm was sent out to the police of New York city and Westchester county to-night for John W. Ferguson, a well known resident of New Rochelle, who has been missing from his home here since Jan. 11. Mr. Ferguson is at the head of the Pelham Ice

Company, and is a member of the Republi-can Club and several yacht clubs. His friends believe that his mind has become deranged because the American Ice Company has made serious inroads in his business. Of late Mr. Ferguson had been and his friends noticed that he was much depressed. He left his home, at 11 Bayview avenue, Jan. 11, telling his wife and daughter that he was going to New York. They have not seen him since. The missing man a 57 years old.

Wildcat Locomotive Caught After a Chase. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 17. - Lehigh Valley Engine 767 ran away this morning by itself, and after an exciting chase was caught just as it was about to plough into a freight train. A switch engine was ordered out, and a six mile stern chase followel, the switch engine over-taking 787 within a quarter of a mile of the freight train. A fireman jumped aboard and shut off the steam just in time to avert & wreek.

White Star to Use Wireless. The White Star Line has decided to equip passenger ships with the Marconi wireless system, beginning with the Oceanic, the swiftest of the big ones. Heretofore, White Star boats have been reported reasing Nantucket only when the weather was clear enough for the wireless observer on the lightship to see them.

BOOKS AND THEIR MAKERS.

"The Simple Life" has reached Paris via New York. Mr. Wagner's following in France, large as it was, had been previous to his visit to America chiefly among the working people. The exquisite Parisians were inclined to criticise the pastor's lack of the polish they require in a literary man and to disregard the message he expressed n such a straightforward, vigorous manner. His success in America has opened the eyes of the boulevardier, and "La Vie Simple" is the cry. Oddly enough the effect is most perceptible in the restau ants, and the proprietors complain that the good customers who used to order a dozen courses for a meal now sit quietly in a corner and order a glass of milk.

Mrs. George Madden Martin, author of "The House of Fulfilment" and "Emmy Lou" has a very strong affection for the negro individually and as a race. She is a Southern woman who, when quite a small child lost her mother and was cared for by an old negro mammy. And "how," says Mrs. Martin, "could I think anything but good of a race to whom I am indebted for

Hamlin Garland, author of "The Light of is to preside on Jan. 24 in New York at one of the most interesting dinners of the new remarkable publication and consider the the event will be presented to each guest.

tion of the Japanese," is now in New York on a visit to his native land, and is preparing a small volume on the real meaning of the war in the East. He reports prohibited the sale in Japan of a book entitled "Russian Cruelties," on the ground Amelie Rives. Mme. St. Mart is a miniature that it will inflame the prejudice of the people against Russia. He also says that circulating literature impressing on the people that this is not a war of the Japanese people against the Russian people, but of the Japanese Government against the Russian Government.

his work of reformation among his fellow | months. workmen. He has just started on a tour of the Gould lines and every facility to reach the employees of all the departments has its second edition and is considered a history of modern developments in railroading as well as a personal narrative of refadverse conditions.

camps-and tells an amusing story of one | in this volume. of his old acquaintances, a miner of more wealth than education. During the miner's heard some one say that the most impressive thing about the fair was the fout ensemble. He had the phrase explained to him and found that it coincided with his own views, consequently when Mr. Mighels asked him what he liked best at the fair he said, after a moment of thought: "It was the whole toot and scramble of it."

The London correspondent of one of our great Western dailies makes the interesting point that authorship is not honored in England as it is in other countries or as it The London correspondent of one of our formerly was in England. "How is it," he writes, "that in England literary men are held in such poor account, and in other countries they are esteemed, are held in honor and receive honors and are even judged worthy a place in the management of affairs?" It is the sort of argument that is as easily demolished as sustained, for history is not yet finished. Lord Rosebery's "Life of Napoleon" is considered one of the greatest biographical studies of our day. Sir Gilbert Parker, whose "Right of Way" and "Ladder of Swords" rank among the most popular novels, has probably a career before him in Parliament. Conan Doyle has come to the front in politics since the South African war, and his Sherlock Holmes stands among modern classics. A. E. W. Mason, author of "The

H. B. Mariott Watson attributes the title "Armchair Fiction" to Audrew Lang. Mr. Watson says "Mrs. Thurston has been telling the editor of the Book Monthly that fiction is an excellent tonic. That is unlike Mr. Howells's view, but it is a reasonable one. Andrew Lang has never made any secret of the fact that he sinks into a yarn

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Do people read notices of new books? Those of Thomas Dixon, Jr.'s, new novel, "The Clansman," must have been read-the sale of the book quickened immediately after publication. The notices are interesting:

"There can be no doubt that the circulation of . The Clansman' will quickly run up into the hundreds of thousands."-Spring field Republican.

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as into a comfortable armchair. Probably it is not a high ideal, but it is a sensible

one. One can sink into 'John Chilcote, M. P.' (which is another name for "The Masquerader') on a wet afternoon, of which there are plenty in these days. It would be possible and may be profitable to compile a list of books suitable for 'sinking into.'" So says the English writer, and, indeed, it would be interesting to add his list of "Armchair Fiction" to the catalogues already compiled in America of books good for a cold and books good for sleepless-

Van Tassel Sutphen's play "A House of Cards" which appeared in the November number of Harper's Magazine has been purchased by a New York manager to use as a curtain raiser. It is interesting to learn that Mr. Sutphen has been for some time engaged upon a drama in blank verse, woven about the life of Jezebel, wife of King Ahab. Mr. Sutphen considers her, he says, one of the few intensely dramatic figures among the women of

Publishers receive some unique and interesting letters, but nothing more unusual stands on record among their amusthe Star," "Hesper" and many other novels, ing experiences than the following literary effort sent in from Brilliant, Ala., to the publishers of Ralph Conner's "The Prospector." year. The date is the twenty-fifth anni- It seems that the firm had sent circulars versary of the publication of Henry George's to the South, enclosed in an envelope on book "Progress and Poverty," and the pur- which was printed a facsimile of the pose of the banquet is to have representa- | cover of "The Prospector," the figure of a tive speakers review the influence of that miner with pick and shovel. In reply they received the following written in lead probable future trend of public thought | pencil: "I received a surcular from this and action along the lines of Henry George's | plais, I got the litel book lost. I will inteachings. A silver medal commemorating | cloze the old invellop. I have lesed some land in midel tennizee I would like to have prospected. It is said to have silver ore-Sidney L. Gulick, author of "The Evolu- I want it hunted for."

The Fleming H. Revell Company will issue early in the spring, in book form and under the title "The Evangelistic Note " that the Japanese Government has just | the sermons delivered in Plymouth Church by the English lecturer and preacher, W. J. Dawson. Mr. Dawson is well known as a connoisseur and collector of works of art, a popular writer and an orator. He prefthe Japanese Government is constantly aces his volume with a description of the experiences that led him to revolutionize his methods of work and to enter on an evangelistic campaign in his own easy. going, prosperous church at Highbury Quadrant, and to lead an evangelizing ovement that brought him to the United Tom Keenan, the Delaware, Lackawanna States. Mr. Dawson is leaving his wealthy and Western engineer whose autobiography | church in London, has resigned his charge, was published in the autumn, has won the | and is coming to the United States to conhearty support of Miss Helen Gould in duct an evangelistic campaign lasting four

Dr. Arthur J. Brown, whose "New Forces in Old China" recently appeared, occupies been given to him. His book has gone into the envied place of a prophet whose predictions have come to pass. The reorganization of the Chinese army on the most modern lines and under the direction of ormation and elevation of character under Yuen Shih Kai, the most thoroughly Westernized high official in the Empire, is precisely what the author put down as the next Mr. Philip Verrill Mighels, author of step in the Chinese advance. Dr. Brown has been most warmly commended for the step in the Chinese advance. Dr. Brown from his old haunts-the Western mining accuracy of his observations and statements

Annie Fellows Johnston's Little Colonel weath than education. During the inner's visit to the St. Louis exposition he over-books have passed the quarter million mark. Of the original "The Little Colonel"

> Mr. Morley Roberts's "Lady Penelope." tion of the Admiral" and "Rachel Marr" that Mr. Roberts would not be suspected as lies to Americans of both political parties. the writer of it. It is a satire of the farcical

A new series of handbooks for the music lover is announced edited by Wakeling Dry. Each volume will deal solely with the music of the composer of whom it treats, and will be furnished with numerous musical quotations calculated to illustrate the text and assist music lovers who are not able to devote their lives to musical study to listen to the works given at concerts and opera with interest deepened and extended by understanding. Wagner, by Ernest Newman, and Tschaikowsky, by E. Markham Lee, are the subjects of the first two

Ray Stannard Baker's second McClure article on lynching appears in the February issue and is called "Lynching in the North." Truants" and "Four Feathers," is running Mr. Baker claims that the North has much race prejudice and brutality to answer for that in many respects is less excusable than the bitter prejudices existing at the South. Speaking of the venal negro vote in Springfield. Ohio, Mr. Baker says: "In the South the negro has been disfranchised by law or by intimidation; in the North by cash. Which is worse?"

> Next month's programme includes a new work in Christian Science called "Mother Light." The author is a well known one, but his name is not given for reasons of his own. The story, while not unfriendly to Christian Science, treats the matter rather from the point of an artist than from the feeling of a controversialist.

The new "Book on Tuskegee and Its People" is edited by Booker Washington and written by several people connected with the school and former students of the school. Several chapters are devoted to autobiographies of graduates from the school who have gone out and succeeded in the world. These life stories are very frank and give graphic accounts of the early surroundings and disadvantages of the students and show what the school has done for them. Mrs. Washington has written one chapter on the work done for the girls at Tuskegee. The delay in the completion of the book has been caused by the difficulty in obtaining the information required from so many people and also because Mr. Washington, the editor, is a very busy man.

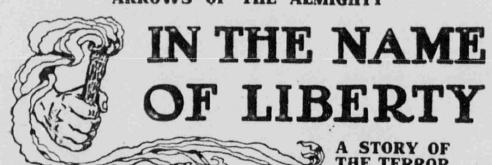
The McClure-Phillips edition of Tolstoi's "War and Peace" has an especially timely interest in view of the recent events in the Russo-Japanese war. Nothing brings the reader so closely in touch with the Russian people as this great epic of the Slav

The appearance in the February McClure's of the last of the series of political stories that Booth Tarkington is writing for his coming book, "In the Arena," recalls the fact that the author was recently a legislator for the State of Indiana and filled his post with honor. When the question of the appointment of an Indiana Federal Judge was up some time ago, Senator Fairbanks was startled to hear President Roosevelt say, "I would like to appoint Booth Tarkington's man." Then the Senator suddenly remembered that there was a fellow in Indiana named Tarkington who wrote books and things, and the author's man received the appointment.

The Japanese rights for the publication of "Nami-Ko" have just been sold to a pubPUBLICATIONS

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lishing house in Japan, who will issue the novel in English for the benefit of the English speaking people in Japan. Up to date the rights to Mr. Tokutomi's book have been sold in England, Australia, Germany, France, Italy and Japan, and a Marseilles paper has secured the serial rights. The plot of "Nami-Ko"is based on a dramatic incident in the family life of Marshal Oyama in order to lay bare a vital social question of modern Japan. The book was first published in Japan and sold into the hundreds of thousands. It has gone into its fourth American edition and is now returning in English form to its native land.

A new edition of Frederick List's "Politi- represented. cal Economy" is being brought out to satisfy the demand for the book aroused by the fiscal controversy in England. The majority of readers have forgotten the name of this German author, the first edition of whose book was printed in Philadelphia in 1827. List was a native of Würtemberg and was made professor of political economy in Tübingen at an unusually early age. Plans for commercial union were formulated at the university, which led to his expulsion from the kingdom. and after various wanderings in exile he was urged by Lafayette to visit America, where he soon became the friend of Madison, Jackson, Clay and others. Later he returned to Europe as American Consul at Leipsic. His book was attacked immediately on publication and caused violent ssion, though frequent new editions and translations testified to its wide circulation. The book is strongly German in feeling and prejudice, and the author more copies were sold during the past season | says of it: "I would indicate as the distint an during any year since it first appeared. guishing characteristic of my system nationality. On the nature of nationality as the intermediate interest between those to be issued Feb. 1, is so entirely different of individualism and of entire humanity, from the author's former books. "Promo- my whole system is based." It is in this point of view that the interest of the book

> Mr. Montague James's "Short Stories of sold to rank with the greatest of all ghost stories. Even Punch shudders at the thought of reading the book on going to bed before daybreak.

The spiritual letters of a man whose name is not associated with any religion, nor even connected with ecclesiastical art, particularly when the writer is none other than Aubrey Beardsley, make unusual reading and arouse considerable curiosity. The book in which these letters are published is called "The Last Letters of Aubrey Beardsley," and relates the story of his and the more intelligent classes of the onversion and of his being received into the Roman Catholic Church shortly before his death. Father Gray, who provides the towns as well as with the capital, from introduction, recalls that in this matter which it received its so-called "underground" Beardsley is following his master, Watteau.

"The Return of Sherlock Holmes" is expected in the middle of February, and and was installed in an evening school as his reappearance is one of the most novel | a teacher in English for foreigners, writing and daring feats of literature. Sherlock is at the same time for various publications without doubt one of the most universal in Russia and in America. It was Mr. favorites in fiction, having his friends in Howells who "discovered" Mr. Cahan and the kitchen as well as in the drawing room, encouraged him to take up literature as a in the stable as well as in the library. His profession, invited him to his house and name, and what it stands for, has become a part of the English vocabulary, and his return will no doubt be welcomed with "In its simplicity and purity, as the English genuine delight. He is the same old Sher- of a man born to write in another tongue, ock-only more so. The tangle of mystery it is simply marvellous." Mr. Cahan has in the stories concerning him is more in- never relaxed his touch with revolutionary tricate than ever, and he, the inscrutable and intrepid wizard, unravels it all with the same magical deftness as of old. It will be remembered that when the play of "Sherlock Holmes" was produced here some years ago a bit of lovemaking not in the book was introduced by the dramatist to round out the story. Two small boys watched the performance breathlessly at one of the matinées and with vigorous admiration until the love scene was delicately intruded, whereupon one of them aned back in his chair for the first time during the performance and said: "Oh,

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Consent of Goettel's Wife. Mrs. Emma Goettel-Gagnee got a verdict for \$50 yesterday from a jury before Supreme Court Justice Amend against George W. Freeborn, a Harlem undertaker, who buried her tormer husband, Henry Goettel, a letter carrier.

during the performance and said: "Oh, that rot always gives me a pain. I don't think they've any right to spoil a good book with such stuff."

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Red, will be published early in February | MAYOR HAMPERS FIRE FIGHTERS. Mount Vernon Department in Straits Because December Bills Are Not O. K'd.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Jan. 17 .- Unless Mayor Edward F. Brush of Mount Vernon retreats from the position he had taken against the Board of Fire Commissioners and signs the warrant for the department's expenses for December he is liable to disrupt the entire organization and cause ome of the volunteer companies to disband.

Drivers' salaries, coal, gas, feed and rent bills aggregating \$1,400 have not been paid, and there is no prospect of their being paid. Some of the fire houses are without coal. Protection Engine Company of West Mount Vernon was compelled to sell its team because there was no food for

the animals. For some months Mayor Brush has not been in sympathy with Fire Commissioners Kronfeld, Heinsohn and Hoag. It is said that the Mayor is opposed to the com-missioners retaining Electrician Flandreau. who opposed him at the recent Republican primaries. Flandreau has a two years

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Harper's Book News

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ment of a book. It is interesting

to note that The Masquerader

has swept aside any such inter-

ruption and is attracting more

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misleading, but when all the

reviews agree, their united judg-

ment is so entirely right that one

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net, and run to the nearest store for "The Masquerader." It's far and away the most interesting novel of the year, and it will be a long time before we get its equal.—Cleveland Leader. Its very audacity of motive, of execution, of solution, almost takes one's

breath away. The boldness of its de-nouement is sublime.—Boston Tran-The literary hit of the year if not of

the generation. The best of it is, the story deserves all its success. A mas-At last in the output of mediocre

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contract. Mayor Brush's reason for not signing the department's warrant is that the commissioners have exceeded their annual appropriation by \$2,500. The com-missioners say that the \$2,500 definit is a legacy left them three years ago by their

predecessors.

As a result of Mayor Brush's attitude the Board of Aldermen, which is Republican, broke away from him at Monday night's meeting and ordered City Treasurer Straub to issue the necessary draft and present it to the Fire Commissioners. This Mr. Straub refuses to do unless acting under the advice of the Corporation Counsel, who is backing up Mayor Brush in his fight.

Alderman William Archer said that if Mayor Brush did not sign the warrant soon he would pay the expenses out of his own pocket.

Rich Italian Convicted of Manslaughter. Nicola Libretti, a wealthy Brook'va Italian, was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree yesterday in the County Court, Brooklyn. He shot and killed his brother. Vincenzo Libretti, also a wealthy man. They had a row in a saloon. Nicola said he fired in self-defence. The jury recommended mercy.

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